

From another phone, Havenick called Berlin at around 12:15 p.m. to inform Berlin what had transpired in the meeting and to ask him if he could help delay the decision. Berlin said that he would make some calls and get back to Havenick.⁴⁵³ Eckstein understood that Berlin was going to call Babbitt to seek a delay. Berlin supports this version only in limited part. He recalls talking to Havenick a few times that day, but does not specifically recall Havenick's asking him for his help. *See*, Section II.H.4., *infra*.

The group also discussed the possibility of releasing Patrick O'Connor's May 8, 1995, letter to the press. Moody recalls that he and Berlin did not believe that releasing the letter would advance their cause.⁴⁵⁴ Eckstein always had opposed releasing it. Ultimately, the decision on whether to show the letter to Secretary Babbitt that afternoon was left to Eckstein's discretion.

At 2:20 p.m. and 2:55 p.m., Goff placed calls to Four Feathers lobbyist Michael Brozek's cellular phone. During one of his first two calls to Brozek that day, Brozek recalls Goff's telling him that "if something miraculous didn't happen in the next 15 minutes, they would be turned down."⁴⁵⁵

⁴⁵³ Shortly after speaking with Berlin, Havenick left for the airport to travel back to Florida for an important family matter.

⁴⁵⁴ Berlin recalls discussing the May 8 letter and recommending against publishing it, but he cannot recall when this discussion took place. He believes it is possible that his involvement in discussing this issue may have taken place later, after the July 14 decision was announced.

⁴⁵⁵ OIC Interview of Michael Brozek, Sept. 3, 1998, at 6 (hereinafter "OIC Brozek Int., Sept. 3, 1998").